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SUBJECT: DCM DELIVERS TIP DEMARCHE TO CAMBODIAN POLICE
COMMISSIONER HOK LUNDY

REF: A. SECSTATE 85578
[1](#)B. SECSTATE 89018
[1](#)C. PHNOM PENH 1092

[1](#)1. (SBU) Summary. On June 16, the DCM delivered the Trafficking in Persons (TIP) demarche to Cambodian National Police Commissioner Hok Lundy. While praising Cambodian actions to earn the upgrade from Tier 3 to Tier 2 Watch List, the DCM noted that arrests and prosecutions for TIP are down this year and urged greater activism by police, including in cooperation with NGOs and in confronting corruption in police ranks. Lundy stressed that anti-TIP work was one of the top three priorities of the Cambodian police force and pledged full cooperation. End Summary.

TIP DEMARCHE

[1](#)2. (SBU) On June 16, DCM delivered the Trafficking in Persons demarche to Police Commissioner Hok Lundy and informed Lundy that as a result of Cambodia's efforts it had been raised from Tier 3 to Tier 2 Watch List (Refs A and B). DCM thanked Lundy for his efforts to improve police enforcement on anti-TIP issues and urged increased cooperation by the Cambodian National Police (CNP) with NGOs. DCM noted that arrests and prosecutions are down so far this year. He asked that the police improve its performance in arrests and prosecutions. He also urged the police to work harder to eliminate corruption by the police.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Lundy was delighted that Cambodia had been upgraded. He promised to continue to work hard to investigate and prosecute those involved in TIP. Lundy told the DCM that TIP was one of three issues, including narcotics and robbery, discussed at every monthly meeting of provincial police chiefs. He commented that the national police have benefited from cooperating with NGOs, particularly International Justice Mission (IJM).

CORRUPTION IN THE POLICE

[1](#)4. (SBU) Lundy emphasized how much corruption complicated his work, noting, for example, that twelve prisoners broke out of a prison last week and that three prison employees had been subsequently detained for complicity in the escapes. Lundy urged the Embassy to provide any information that may be helpful in investigating corruption or any other crimes.

[1](#)5. (SBU) At this point, the A/RSO provided Lundy with

information about a case of a suspected American pedophile active in Phnom Penh. Lundy promised rapid investigation and complete cooperation with USG officials on this case. Later in the day, General Un Sokunthea began working with ICE agents to prepare a warrant for the individual's arrest.

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